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SPECIAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES FOR SC GIRLS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme was started on experimental basis in 1996-97 to prepare a package of special education development programme for girls belonging to the Scheduled Castes in the district having very low rate of literacy;

(b) if so, the details of the said scheme and the achievements of the said programme;

(c) whether any decision to merge this scheme with the on-going schemes of the primary education department has been taken; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The scheme was introduced during 1996-97 on pilot basis with an objective to provide a package of educational inputs through Residential Schools for SC girls. Asper 1981 Census, 48 districts situated in Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh were identified where the Scheduled Caste female literacy was less than 2%. Thescheme was formulated to cover those 48 districts. A package grant of Rs. 11,340/- per child per annum for Class I only, was given. The scheme was implemented by the ZilaParishads (District level Panchayats). The scheme has, however, been discontinued since 2001-02.

(c) &(d) A decision was taken to merge the scheme with the Kasturba Gandhi Swatantra Vidyalaya Scheme, which is proposed to be launched by the Ministry of Human Resources Development.